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LETTER DATED 12 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 12 March 1993, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Kim Yong Nam, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(Signed) PAK Gil Yon
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 12 March 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like, upon authorization, to inform the Security Council of the United Nations that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea decided on 12 March 1993 to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article X of the NPT, in connection with the extraordinary situation prevailing in the DPRK, which jeopardizes its supreme interests.

The United States together with south Korea has resumed the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises, a nuclear war rehearsal, threatening the DPRK, and instigated some officials of the IAEA Secretariat and certain member States to adopt an unjust "resolution" at the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors on 25 February 1993 demanding us to open our military sites that have no relevance at all to the nuclear activities, in violation of the IAEA Statute, the Safeguards Agreement and the agreement the IAEA had reached with the DPRK.

This is an undisguised strong-arm act designed to disarm the DPRK and strangle our socialist system, which jeopardizes its supreme interests.

If such act were tolerated, it would only set a precedent for helping to legitimize the nuclear threats against the non-nuclear-weapon State Parties and interference in their internal affairs, to say nothing of our country falling a victim to a super-Power.

I hope that the Security Council of the United Nations will take note of the decision of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the NPT until the United States nuclear threats and the unjust conduct of the IAEA against the DPRK will be recognized to have been removed.

(Signed) KIM Yong Nam
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Democratic People's Republic of Korea